

**Stockton-on-Tees Children's Trust Board**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009, 4.30pm- 6.30pm**  
**Stockton Central Library**

**1. Present**

Cllr Alex Cunningham (Chair)	AC	-	Stockton Borough Council
Kailash Agrawal	KA	-	North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Trust
Mike Batty	MB	-	Community Protection
Jim Beall	JB	-	Councillor, Stockton Borough Council
Tony Beckwith	TB	-	Stockton Borough Council
Dave Brunskill	DB	-	Cleveland Police
Sandra Egleton	SE	-	Barnardo's
Martin Graham	MG	-	Stockton Borough Council
Jane Humphreys	JH	-	Stockton Borough Council
Eric Jewitt	EJ	-	Stockton Borough Council
Carole Langrick	CL	-	North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Trust
Peter Lowe	PL	-	Voluntary/Community Representative, The Children's Society
Ann McCoy	AM	-	Councillor, Stockton Borough Council
Julia Morrison	JM	-	Stockton Borough Council
Graham Prest	GP	-	Stockton PCT
Nora Rosser	NR	-	Western Area Partnership
Lucia Saiger	LS	-	Teesside Probation Service
Peter Seller	PS	-	Stockton Borough Council
Roger Thornham	RT	-	North Tees Primary Care Trust
Claire Walsh	CW	-	Stockton Borough Council
Simon Willson	SW	-	Stockton Borough Council

**Apologies**

Pam Andrews-Mawer, Sheila Bamber, Jackie Ennis, Becki Fox, Barbara Inman, Val Goodrum, Alan Lewis, Shaun McLurg, David Moulder, Neil Schneider, Elizabeth Shassere, Mike Vening, Maria Waters, Linda Watson.

The Chair AC opened the meeting and welcomed new member Graham Prest, Graham has replaced Peter Hadfield as the Non Executive representative for NHS Stockton-on-Tees.

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting, however JB requested that it should be noted that it was the Central Area Partnership that would be piloting the involvement of young people on behalf of the Area Partnership Boards, not him personally.

**3. Matters Arising**

None.

**4. Issues from Members**

PS informed the board that Maria Waters is currently unable to attend Children's Trust Board meeting as she is involved in an overseas assignment with work. Discussion followed as to what would happen with her position on the board. PS suggested he would not want to lose her permanently as she is an active and valuable member of the board. It was agreed that PS would consult the community and voluntary sector regarding an interim arrangement.

**5. C & YP Plan and Performance Review – Simon Willson**

SW gave a presentation of the performance review against the Every Child Matters outcomes. He also provided the board with a document that outlined Stockton's performance against the national indicators for the ECM outcomes.

AC thanked SW for his presentation and encouraged members to ask questions.

RT opened the debate around the issue of immunisation commenting that although Stockton does very well as a borough, across Teesside the figures are quite low. Discussion followed. PS proposed that the Be Healthy Partnership provide a briefing of where we are with this issue for the board at the December 2009 meeting.

Discussions followed around the figures of mothers smoking during pregnancy as AC questioned what the statistics are based upon. CL clarified that they are based on self categorisation as a smoker by the mother at time of birth.

AC suggested that the board be proud of the positive outcomes such as the successful Myplace bid and the increased use of libraries by children and young people.

**Action/Decision:**

The board noted the report.

PS conducted the second part of this agenda item by introducing the Children & Young People's Plan for 2009 -12. The key priorities for this plan were looked at and agreed at a special CTB meeting in February 2009. The plan will be reviewed in 2010 and a new plan will be produced to reflect changes in guidance / legislation in 2011.

PS informed the board that copies of the plan will be made available to members who were unable to attend the meeting. He further notified the board that the information on plans and strategies supporting the plan will be contained on the CD that accompanies the CYPP and will be available on the Children's Trust website.

Councillor Ann McCoy congratulated the whole team that were involved in the writing/designing of the CYPP as she believed it was easy to read and presented very well.

**Action/Decision:**

The board received the Children & Young Peoples Plan.

**6. Machinery of Government – 14-19 Education**

JM updated the members on the progress to date in preparing for the transfer of funding and commissioning responsibility for the delivery of quality education and training for young people aged 16-19 (25 for young people with LLDD) from the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) to individual Local Authorities (LA's) from 2010.

JM informed the board that there will be six Learning and Skills Council colleagues appointed to work in Stockton and she is looking forward to welcoming their knowledge and expertise.

**Action/Decision:**

The board noted the report.

**7. Local Safeguarding Children Board Issues - Laming Report and New Inspection Process**

JH presented a report summarising the findings of Lord Laming's report that was commissioned following the death of Baby P. This report highlighted the key recommendations from Lord Laming and the government's response to these recommendations.

**Action/Decision:**

The board noted the report

JH updated the members on the new inspections arrangements that include both unannounced and announced inspections. Nationally the two week announced visits have already begun, with unannounced visits due to commence in September 2009.

AC stated that since the case of Baby P, safeguarding is top of people's agendas, JH agreed adding that there is currently massive pressure on professional's workloads as the number of Safeguarding issues and Child Protection orders increases.

AC commented that it may be advantageous to have the minutes of the Safeguarding meetings available at future CTB meetings and council.

**Action/Decision:**

To table minutes of LSCB at future meetings.

## **8. Children & Young People Workforce Development Strategy**

EJ shared the draft Children & Young People Workforce Development strategy with the board, the strategy is outlined as a key priority from the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2009-2012 under the service management and cross-cutting section. EJ stated that recommendations have been built into the strategy following feedback from members.

The draft strategy identifies six key priorities for development:

- Leadership and Management
- Recruitment and Retention
- Continues Professional Development
- Integrated Working
- Mapping our Workforce
- Communication

**Action/Decision:**

The Board agreed the draft Children & Young People Workforce Development strategy and approved the priorities.

## **9. Children's Trust Commissioning Self Analysis Tool**

PS informed the board that there is a new Self Analysis Tool from DCSF which is more detailed than the previous 'Are we there yet?' document. PS suggested that the board complete this at the next meeting, recommending that the self analysis tool is emailed out prior to the next meeting so that members can consider their answers.

## **10. Myplace Progress Update**

CW updated the board with the progress of the Myplace project. Myplace is a multi million pound government programme to deliver world class places for young people to go and call their own. CW informed the board that Stockton-on-Tees has been chosen as one of only 15 projects to receive additional support from The Sorrell Foundation. This unique opportunity will provide Stockton-on-Tees access to top internationally renowned architects, graphic designers and creative mentors, working alongside young people.

CW notified the board that the development of Myplace is working alongside the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Youth Service and Youth Provision review. CW is attending a meeting with the voluntary and community sector on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 to involve them in the Myplace project.

Discussions followed. DB expressed interest in a police office being established in the Myplace building. AM enquired about transport to the building, PS responded that transport is also being considered as part of the Youth Service & Youth Provision review.

**Action/Decision:**

The board noted the report.

## **11. CTMT Decisions**

PS summarised the decisions/recommendations that CTMT had made in the period since the CTB last met in December 2008.

SE enquired whether it would be possible for hyperlinks to be added to this document if there is additional information on a particular decision/recommendation.

JB requested further information on the 'Disadvantaged Subsidy Fund' as he was unaware of what this was and it is within the area that he represents.

**Action/Decision:**

The board noted the decisions and recommendations.

**12. ContactPoint and CAF in Stockton-on-Tees Progress Report**

TB informed the board that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council has received accreditation to go live with ContactPoint, which is due to commence in October 2009.

JB questioned how the non statutory community / voluntary sector would access the information on ContactPoint, TB responded that ContactPoint is targeted at Universal services, and there is an opportunity to facilitate these community / voluntary agencies.

JH notified the board that she has recently written to providers/agencies to advise them that the CAF process will be refreshed / relaunched in October.

SE enquired as to whether there is a model for CAF, JH / TB stated that it will be circulated for information.

**Action/Decision:**

The board noted the report

**13. Partnership Group: Be Healthy Subgroup and Child Health Strategy Update**

PS provided the members with an update of the Be Healthy Subgroup and Child Health Strategy. He stated that the priorities for the strategy are taken from the CYPP and the Tees PCT Strategy. PS added that the priorities may need to be reconsidered 2010 -11 due to funding pressures.

**Action/Decision:**

The board noted the report

**14. Efficiency Improvement and Transformation Reviews**

SW informed the board that to ensure financial sustainability of Stockton Borough Council there will be a review of every area of the council over the next 3 years to see what we can do "quicker and better". SW gave the Youth Service and Youth Provision review that is currently being undertaken as an example of what is being reviewed in the first year.

**15. PREVENT – Preventing Violent Extremism**

PS provided the board with documentation outlining information on the PREVENT agenda. He suggested that more detailed work be carried out around PREVENT at the next CTB meeting, with the possibility that Jim Brown (police lead) be invited to do a presentation. PS added that there is also a 10-15 minute DVD "Watch over me", that would be of benefit for members to view.

**16. Issues from Partnership Groups**

There were no issues from Partnership Groups.

**17. Any Other Business**

PS circulated copies of the interim Tees-Wide CAMHS strategy 2008-12.

JH asked members what their thoughts were about the Children's Services Advisor attending future CTB meetings; members agreed that this may be beneficial.

JH informed members that there is an Annual Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership event on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Ramside Hall where 15 people can attend. Interested parties to contact JH.

JM informed the board that the BSF team are at the Education Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009 all day to take the project to open market; JM extended the invitation for members to attend 2-6pm.

**18. Open to the Public**

No public questions/comments were made.

**19. Close**

AC thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

**Dates for future meetings:**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 4.30 – 6.30pm Stockton Central Library**